

Mark 6:47

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land.

Analysis

And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land. Evening/night, disciples mid-sea, Jesus alone on land—physical separation set stage for walking-on-water miracle. The contrast emphasizes isolation: disciples struggling, Jesus solitary. Yet Jesus wasn't alone—He communed with Father. Geographic separation would be overcome miraculously, illustrating Christ's power to transcend barriers and reach struggling disciples.

Historical Context

Sea of Galilee is 13x8 miles. 'Midst of sea' suggests 3-4 miles from shore. Evening crossings were risky due to sudden storms from surrounding mountains. Experienced fishermen disciples knew the dangers. First-century boats were 26-27 feet long wooden vessels. Rowing in darkness against wind would be exhausting work requiring supernatural intervention.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What does this verse teach about Christ's nature and work?
2. How should this truth shape our daily discipleship?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ὥσίας	γενομένης	ἦν	τὸ	πλοῖον	ἐν	μέσῳ	τῆς
And	when even	was come	was	G3588	the ship	in	the midst	G3588
G2532	G3798	G1096	G2258		G4143	G1722	G3319	

θαλάσσης	καὶ	αὐτὸς	μόνος	ἐπὶ	τῆς	γῆς
of the sea	And	he	alone	on	G3588	the land
G2281	G2532	G846	G3441	G1909		G1093

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